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TO:

MATERNAL, CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH (MCAH) DIRECTORS

ADOLESCENT FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM (AFLP) DIRECTORS

SUBJECT:

CHANGE IN MAXIMAL PERMISSIBLE CASE LOAD FOR AFLP CASE

WORKERS

PROGRAM POLICY ALERT #2005/06-05

Effective March 1, 2006, the maximum number of open client cases assigned to individual case workers within the AFLP program may, at the discretion of the AFLP Directors, be increased from 40 to 50.

While this change is voluntary and may not be feasible for all programs, the ability to enhance case loads would provide increased reimbursement for individual programs, without an increase in personnel costs.

This past year has brought more fiscal constraints at both a local jurisdictional level as well as the State level. Many of the AFLP programs have found it more and more difficult to find the financial resources to support the AFLP program. It is with this in mind that we make this policy change. Each of the local jurisdictions will now have more flexibility to manage the program according to local resources and needs.

We at MCAH remain committed to support local programs in efforts to serve the public health needs of their communities in these difficult times. Please contact your Program Consultant or Contract Manager with questions and/or suggestions regarding implementation of this change in policy.

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